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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/553,699	Applicant(s) CHAN ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 June 2009 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

- Response to the applicant's amendment dated 6/3/2009
- Claims 1-10 have been submitted for examination
- Claims 1-10 have been rejected

Drawings Objections

1. In view of the applicant's amended drawings filed on 6/3/2009, all objections to the drawings are withdrawn.

Specification

2. In view of the applicant's amended specifications, all objections to the specification are withdrawn.

Claim Objections

3. In view of the applicant's amended claims 2 and 3, all objections to the claims **are** withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. In view of the applicant's amended claim 1, all objections to the claim rejections under section **35 USC § 101** are withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Burgan, A Proposal for error control in SAME coded EAS and NWR, March 14, 1999, (Hereinafter Burgan) - Copy provided.
7. In regard to claim 1, Burgan teaches:
- (Currently Amended) Method to decode a received data string in a processing device, said data string being part of a message containing non-data elements and data string elements of varying length, comprising the steps of;
 - locating a predefined significant part of the data stringy; disregarding from consistency checking an insignificant part of the data stringy: and
- (Burgan in page 2, lines (21-23) teaches (emphasis added): If the character at the end is something other than a dash and because the *CRC-16* string does not

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match the present SAME pattern it would be rejected by present equipment as extraneous (insignificant) characters.)

- further performing consistency checking only for the located significant part of the data string.

(Burgan in page 1, line 17 teaches (emphasis added): The two message procedure doubles the odds (consistency test) of receiving a valid message)

8. In regard to claim 2, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:
determining the length of said data string;
- pinpointing predetermined data positions using said length;
- removing data from said data string starting from a position determined by said length.

(page 2, lines (20-32) in Burgan)

9. In regard to claim 3, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein the determining step consists in locating a predetermined sequence in said data string.

(Burgan in page 2, lines (21-23) teaches (emphasis added): If the character at the end is something other than a dash and because the *CRC-16* string does not match the present SAME pattern it would be rejected by present equipment as extraneous (insignificant) characters.)

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10. In regard to claim 4, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of comparing, byte by byte, different data strings assumed to contain identical data; taking as correct data those bytes for which said comparison gives the result "identical".

(Burgan in page 2, lines (21-23) teaches (emphasis added): If the character at the end is something other than a dash and because the *CRC-16* string does not match the present SAME pattern it would be rejected by present equipment as extraneous (insignificant) characters.)

11. In regard to claim 5, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of: locating a predefined important segment as significant part of the data strings remaining after the previous step;
- disregarding the data locations that do not belong to said important segment; and
- further checking only the important segments.

(Burgan in page 2, lines (21-23) teaches (emphasis added): If the character at the end is something other than a dash and because the *CRC-16* string does not match the present SAME pattern it would be rejected by present equipment as extraneous (insignificant) characters.)

12. In regard to claim 6, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of; searching for meaningful data in case that no correct data can be determined.

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(Burgan in page 2, lines (21-23) teaches (emphasis added): If the character at the end is something other than a dash and because the *CRC-16* string does not match the present SAME pattern it would be rejected by present equipment as extraneous (insignificant) characters.)

13. In regard to claim 7, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of" searching for a predefined header code block; and
- attaching a header code block at the start of the received data string if no such header code block is found in the preceding step.

(page 2, lines (20-30) in Burgan)

14. In regard to claim 8, Burgan teaches:

- (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of; checking for a predetermined set of symbols at a predetermined location of the data string; and
- inserting to or removing from the data string symbols so as to shift the predetermined location if the check of the previous step did locate them at a different position.

(Burgan in page 2, lines (21-23) teaches (emphasis added): If the character at the end is something other than a dash and because the *CRC-16* string does not match the present SAME pattern it would be rejected by present equipment as extraneous (insignificant) characters.)

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15. claims 9 and 10 are rejected for the same reasons as per claim 1.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Rizk whose telephone number is (571) 272-8191. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Scott Baderman can be reached on (571) 272-3644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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/Sam Rizk/

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